How to File a Biennial Registration Report for a For-Profit Corporation

A step-by-step guide using the Secretary of State's Online Business Services System

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This guide is designed to help individuals navigate the Missouri Secretary of State's online business filing system to file a biennial report (every two years) for a for-profit corporation. Corporations are eligible to file biennial reports based on their year of incorporation. Corporations incorporated in an even year, can file a biennial report in an even year or change to an annual filing schedule in an even year. Corporations incorporated in an odd year, can file a biennial report in an odd year or change to an annual filing schedule in an odd year.

Example: ABC Mfg, Inc. was incorporated in 2002 and filed annual reports. In 2015, ABC Mfg, Inc. decided they would prefer to file biennially. However, due to the fact they were incorporated in an even year, they would need to file an annual report for 2015 and then could file a biennial report in 2016.

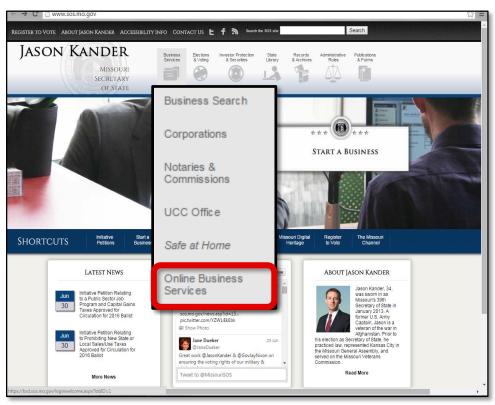
Please see our guide to filing <u>annual reports</u> to determine how you can file on an annual schedule.

This guide does not provide tax or legal advice. It is only designed to navigate the Missouri Secretary of State's online filing system, and our office always recommends you consult an attorney or accountant regarding questions specific to your business.

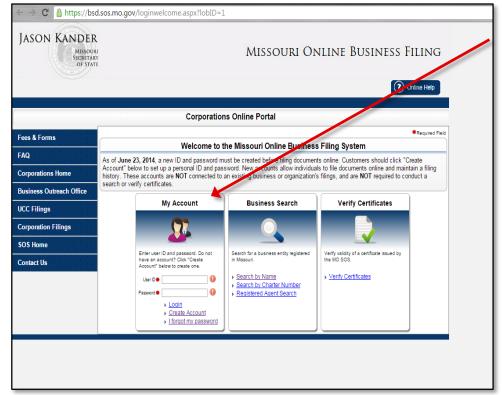
Please give us a call at 1-866-223-6535 or email us at corporations@sos.mo.gov if you have any questions about the annual report process.



Step 1 Go to http://www.sos.mo.gov



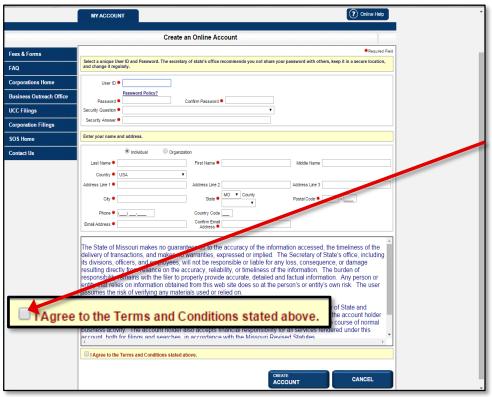
At the top, under business services, scroll over and from the dropdown menu, select the last option in the drop down titled, 'Online Business Services.'



Step 3

Log into the online system. Each user must create an individual account. These accounts are unique and are separate from information associated with a business entity. If you already have an account and you know your username and password, you may type them into the appropriate fields and log in.

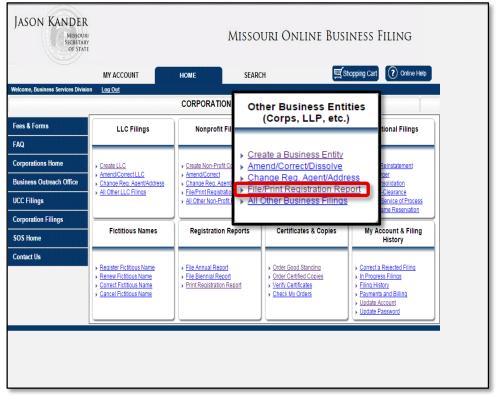
- If you do not remember your password, select "I forgot my password" and a temporary password will be emailed to you.
- If you do not remember your username you will need to call our office for assistance at 1-866-223-6535 or create a new account.
- If you do not have an account, click "Create Account" to get started.



Step 3 (cont.)

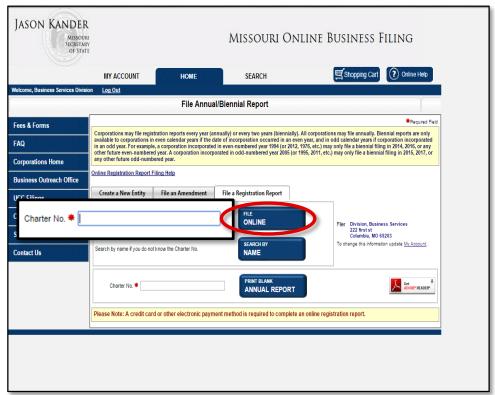
By clicking 'Create an Account' you are directed to this screen.

- Enter all the appropriate information into the boxes provided.
- Ensure that all lines with a red star. next to them are filled out.
- Make sure to check the box at the bottom that says 'I agree to the Terms and Conditions stated above' in order to move onto the next step.

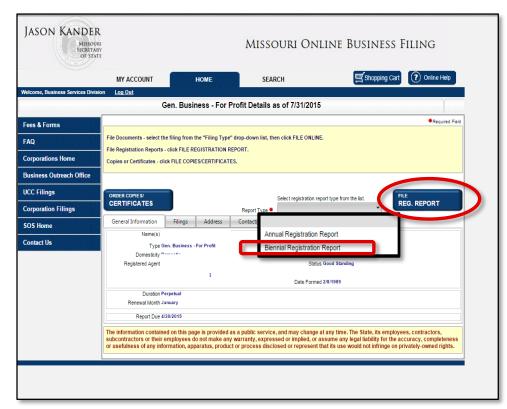


Step 4

Under 'Other Business Entities (Corps, LLP, etc.)' click File/Print **Registration Report.**



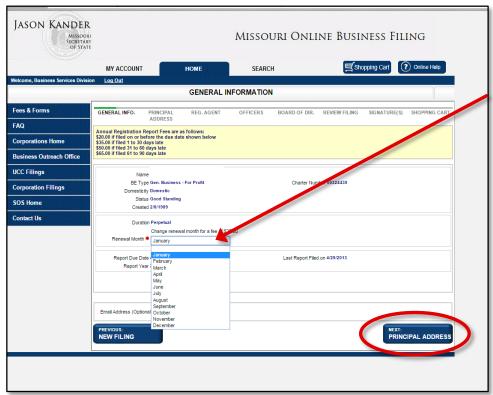
Enter your charter number and click FILE ONLINE to move onto the next step.



Step 6

Review the current information on file with your business.

- You may click on the Filings, Address, and Contact(s) tabs to view that information.
- In the 'Report Type' Drop down menu, select Biennial Registration Report and then click File REG. RE-**PORT** to continue.

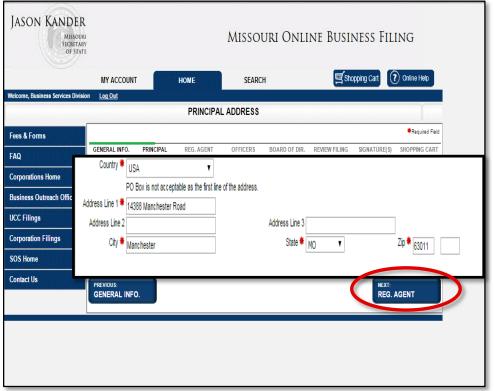


Step 7 (Optional)

Next you have the option to choose a new renewal month. The default month is your current renewal month.

NOTE: There is a \$25.00 fee to change the month of renewal.

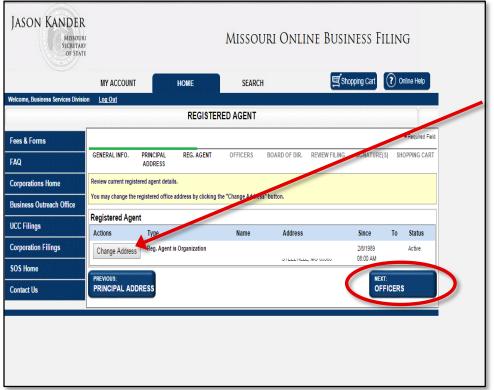
- To change the month, select a new month from the drop down menu.
- Click PRINCIPAL ADDRESS to move onto the next step.



Step 8

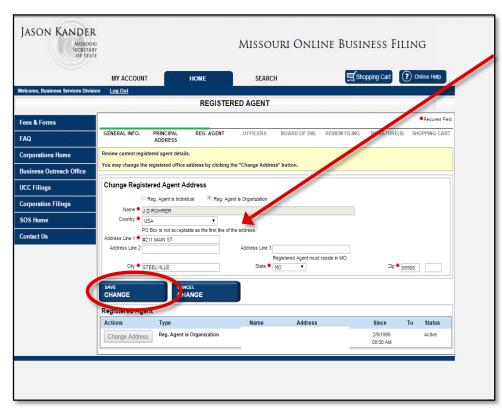
In the Principal Address section, you will see that the address you provided with the original filing (or last report) appears in the relative fields.

- If you need to make any changes to your address, edit those here.
- When you're finished with your changes, click NEXT: REG. AGENT.



Next you can view the registered agent information on file.

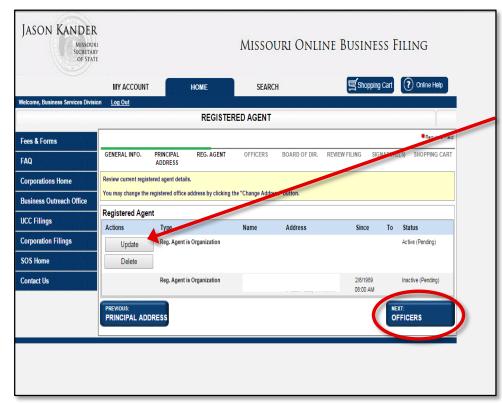
- If there have been any changes to the registered agent address you will need to make them here. Any changes to the agent's name or the agent themselves need to be made in the form of amendments to the articles of incorporation.
- You may click **CHANGE ADDRESS** to make changes.
- If no changes are necessary, click OFFICERS.



Step 10 (Optional)

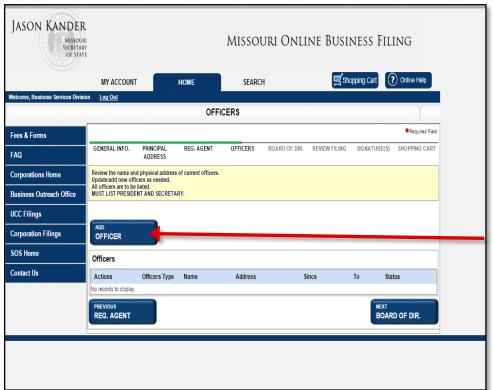
Next you will see fields where you may change the address of your registered agent.

• Fill out the necessary changes and click SAVE CHANGE.



Next, changes made to the registered agent information appear with a "pending" status.

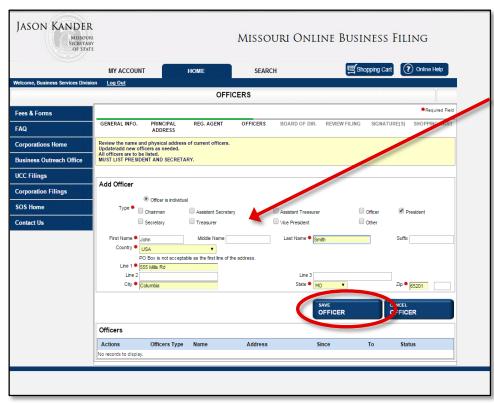
- Review the information to ensure that it is correct. If you need to fix a mistake, click 'update' to go back to the previous screen.
- Click OFFICERS.



Step 12

Provide a current list of your officers for your corporation.

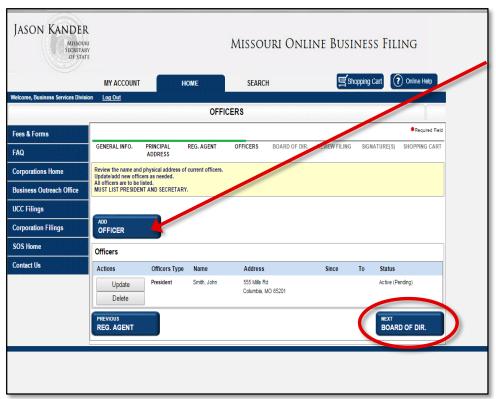
- You <u>MUST</u> list a President and a Secretary.
- If your officers are the same as the previous filing, you may click **BOARD OF DIR.**
- To add an officer, click ADD OF-FICER.



Step 13 (Optional)

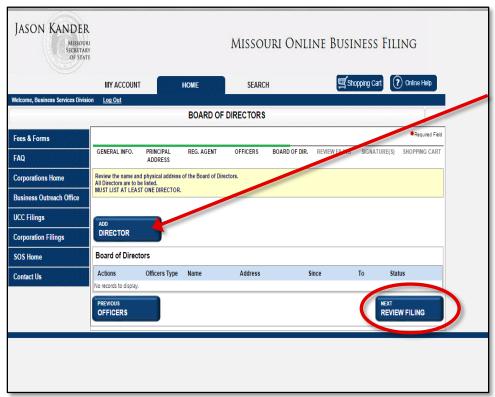
By clicking ADD OFFICER, you are prompted to enter in said officer's information.

- Be sure to check the appropriate position box before saving.
- Once you have entered in your officer's information, click SAVE OF-FICER.



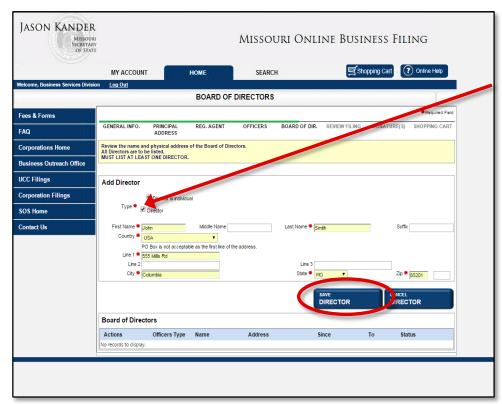
Step 14

Now you may add other officers or move onto the next step and click **BOARD OF DIR.**



You must list at <u>LEAST</u> one director in this section.

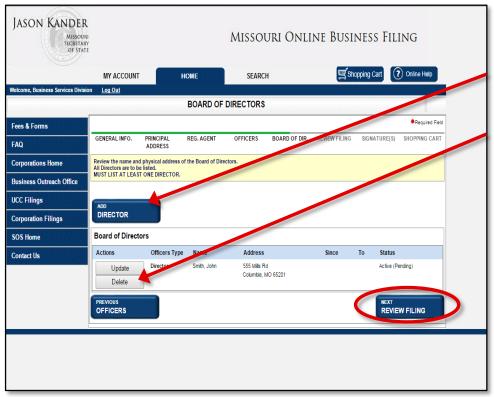
- To add a director click ADD DIREC-TOR.
- click **NEXT REVIEW FILING** once all directors have been added.
- Each corporation must have at least one director and ALL directors must be listed.



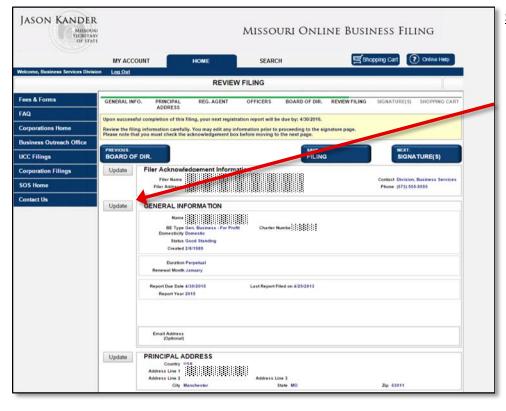
Step 16 (Optional)

Type in the necessary information if a new director needs to be added.

- Be sure to click the "Director" box next to the "Type" field so that you can successfully save your director.
- After you've entered all the information, click SAVE DIRECTOR.

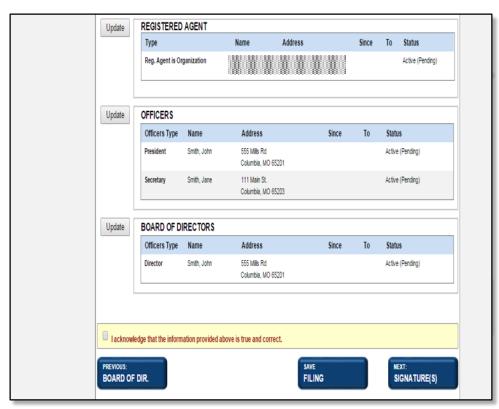


- If you need to add another director, click ADD DIRECTOR again and repeat the last step.
- If you need to delete a director or update any information, click the related boxes.
- Once you have finished updating your list of directors, click **REVIEW** FILING.



Step 18

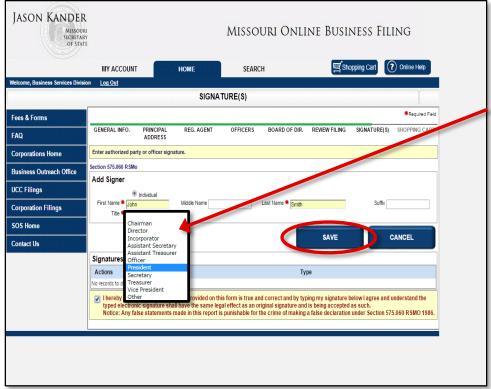
- Review all of your information for accuracy.
- If you identify anything that needs to be changed, click the UPDATE box next to the section.



Step 18 (cont.)

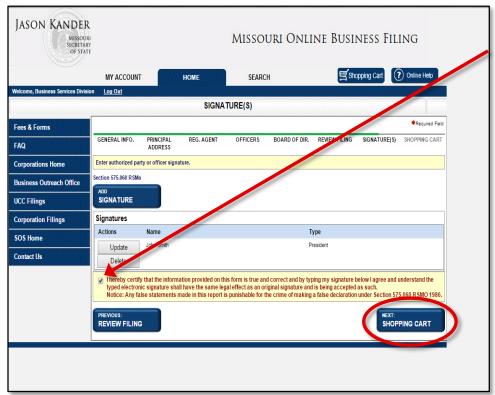
Once you've ensured all the information is correct and up to date, click the "I acknowledge that the information provided above is true and correct" box.

• Click SIGNATURE(S) to move onto the next step.

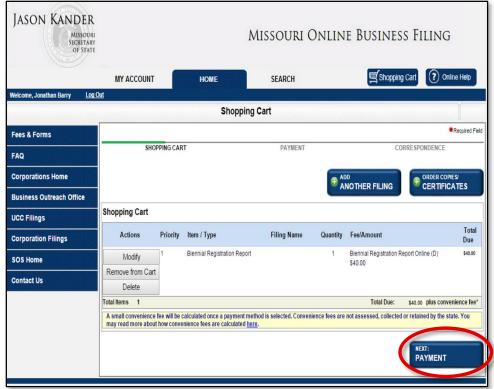


Step 19

- To sign the document, you must enter in the person's information who has been authorized to sign on behalf of your business, and select the appropriate title from the drop down menu.
- The individual signing the filing must check the box stating "I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct and by typing my signature below I agree and understand the typed electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as an original signature and is being accepted as such".
- Then click SAVE.



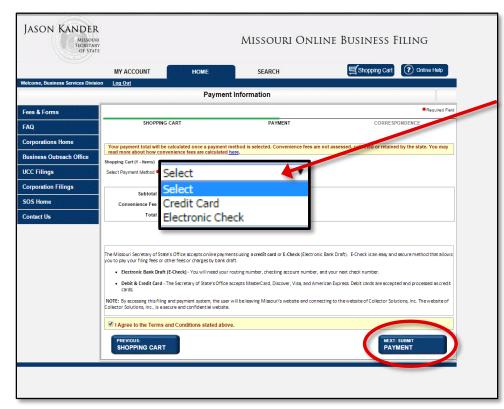
After you've saved your signature information, you will need to ensure that the box at the bottom remained checked and click SHOPPING CART.



Step 21

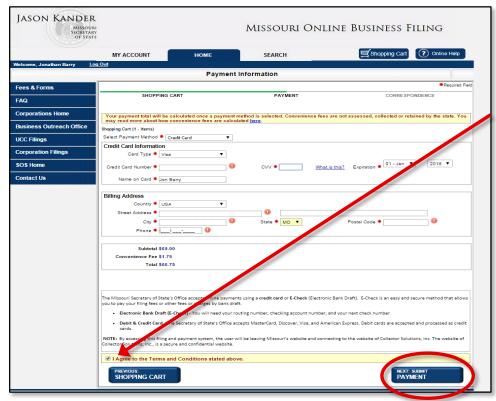
In your shopping cart should appear an item titled 'Annual Registration Report' with a fee amount of \$20.00.

- If you are filing late, there will be additional fees
- Ensure the proper fees are in your cart and click PAYMENT.



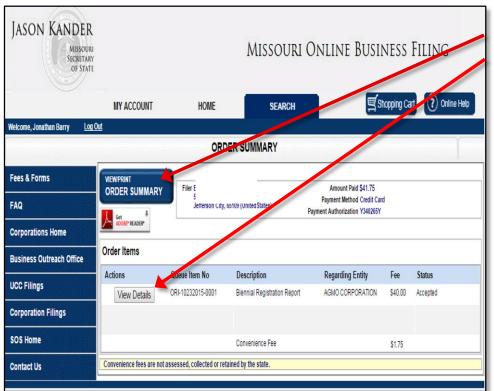
During payment, you will be prompted to select a payment method from the drop down menu.

- The options are "Credit Card" or "Electronic Check."
- There will be a convenience charge of \$1.25 for using a credit card.
- There will be a convenience charge of \$0.50 for using an electronic check.
- NOTE: You will need your bank account and routing numbers to use an electronic check.

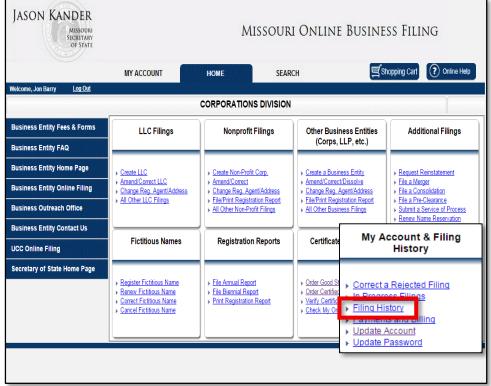


Step 23

- Input all payment information.
- Review the terms and conditions and ensure the box stating "I Agree to the Terms and Conditions stated above." is checked before clicking SUBMIT PAY-MENT."



Lastly, you can view and print your order summary and invoice details.



Step 25 (Optional)

If in the future if you need to go back and print or view filed documents, you may do so by going to the "My Account & Filing History" box from the home page and clicking "Filing History."

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